

VETERANS TIME TRIALS ASSOCIATION

WEST GROUP

Secretary's Report

Congratulations to all the West Vets who achieved their targets for 2008 Many thanks to all those who incorporated VTTA West competitions in their events, ie the 50 in the Clevedon 50 (Ian James) on 15 June. The 10 mile (VTTA West) Championship (Camel Valley C & TC event on 4th May and the Jack Gray Memorial 25 (Steve Barber) in the Chippenham 25 on 20 July and our thanks to all the VTTA West members who marshalled or timed the events. An early Hilly Event of 23 miles in Exmoor (organised by Simon Aske of Mid Devon Club) on the S 17/235 was also included in the 1998 programme in which Sean Walsh was first on standard, Ken Robertson second and Peter Wilson third.

Thank you to Robert Hutchinson, Group Recorder who organised all the medals etc for the 2007 season plus medals for the Devon hilly event (which have been passed on to the recipients). Also thanks to Peter Wilson for organizing a VTTA (West) Club 10 and headquarters for a meal and presentation afterwards for the winners of the 2007 trophies (Phil and Mary Green being the guests of honour). It is good to see Brian Newton progressing after his accident on that evening and also that Arja is still flying around in the events she has ridden since then. (Unlike me!). I am very grateful to Ann and Eric Bishop who gave tremendous help at the Kington Langley Village Hall with the food and tables (Ann also made and brought numerous homemade cakes), plus thanks to Maureen Thome helping to serve, Marilyn and Brian Barraclough, Molly Burden, Janet Tebbutt, Mary-Jane Hutchinson and to anyone else I have missed owing to the rush round afterwards!

Our thanks also to Dennis Davies and Len and Jean Ingram for timing the event. Plus Graham Seath as pusher off.

After such an appalling summer let's hope next season will be better. The Cirencester by-pass is now proving rather too popular as riders are coming from far and wide to ride so perhaps we ought to think about running an VTTA (only) event (with preference to VTTA West riders).

Janet Wilson (Hon Sec)
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